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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Admiral James Holloway

- 1. On 16 April 1987 I was asked to meet with Admiral James Holloway, Chairman of the Vice President's Task Force On Combatting Terrorism. Also at the meeting was Mr. Ted McNamara of the NSC staff. They had been asked by the Vice President to solicit my views on the federal government's response to the terrorist threat. The discussion ranged from general policy issues to the specifics of deploying a team to an incident site.
- 2. I pointed out the need to maintain a flexible response capability within the context of a no-concession policy, especially in the wake of the Iran "weapons-for-hostages" affair.

 Additionally, I stressed the importance of maintaining a central supra-agency focal point in the NSC to resolve the inevitable interagency conflicts. However, terrorism should be minimized as a factor in our public foreign policy; this requires reducing the perception of White House and other nign government officials' involvement in terrorist matters. We also discussed the need for the public to accept terrorist casualties as those caused by crime are accepted.
- 3. Admiral Holloway indicated that my views were consonant with others that he had heard, and he planned to incorporate them in his recommendations. Mr. McNamara inquired as to my availability for further help, and I stated that I would respond as needed within the context of the Agency's support to the counterterrorism effort.

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